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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment and Response for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE PROSTATE, the specification of which was filed on May 15, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/080,140.

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2000. Claims 10-16, 25, 30, 33, 35, 38 and 39 are currently under examination.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims the claims as follows: 3

10. (Amended) A test kit useful for detecting [PS116] polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising a container containing at least one [PS116] polynucleotide having at least [50%] 70% identity with a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQUENCE ID NOS 1-12[ and fragments or complements thereof].